

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 19, 2004. Claims 1-63 were examined. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-14, 17-19, 22, 53-55, and 58-61 stand rejected as being obvious over Hill (US 2001006006). Applicants appreciate that claims 4-5, 10-11, 15-16, 20-21, 56-57, 62-63 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter and that claims 23-52 are indicated as allowed. The Office Action notes that Hill (US 2001006006) has a common Assignee with the instant application.

In view of the above Statement of Common Ownership below, applicant submits that sufficient evidence to establish common ownership has been established and therefore Hill (US 2001006006) is disqualified from use to support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

The instant application and Hill (US 2001006006) were, at the time the invention of the instant application was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to New Transducers Limited.

SUMMARY

In summary, claims 1-63 are in the case. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully requested. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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